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Calendar

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WEDNESDAY

ArtWalk: Dean's Gallery in Curtiss Hall
When: Noon to 1 p.m.
What: Join Nancy Girard, educator of visual literacy and learning, for a tour of the newly installed Dean's Gallery in Curtiss Hall. Enjoy the new acquisitions and familiar Christian Petersen artwork.
Where: Curtiss Hall, West Entrance

Grandma Mojo's Moonshine Revival
When: 10 p.m.
What: Grandma Mojo's Moonshine Revival is Iowa State's award-winning student sketch and improv group. Entrance to the show costs \$1. The show will be every Wednesday. Mojo's crew will provide a night of laughter, passion, drama and action.
Where: Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union

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National News

Notes and events.

Isaac's impact being felt on Gulf

Almost seven years to the day after Katrina struck, Hurricane Isaac began pounding the Gulf Coast on Tuesday afternoon with heavy rain and strong winds — conditions, forecasters warned, that could get even more dangerous in the hours ahead.

While its eye isn't expected to move over land until Tuesday night, Isaac was already having a significant impact by the afternoon. Rain was falling through much of the region, and trees bent in the wind.

But as challenging as the conditions were, forecasters said they would get appreciably worse soon.

Jon McDougal, a CNN iReporter in Gulfport, Miss., came across flooding around noon Tuesday, before the rain picked up.

"The fact that we haven't had any rain, and that we've got six to eight hours before the real fun begins ... makes me nervous," McDougal said Tuesday afternoon, as pounding rain began coming down on his home.

By Tuesday afternoon, Isaac had already prompted the closing of three airports — New Orleans; Gulfport-Biloxi, Miss.; and Mobile, Ala. — and the cancellation of about 1,500

flights systemwide, according to airline and airport officials. In addition, the U.S. Coast Guard announced it has closed major ports along the Gulf Coast and the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge to its mouth.

Israeli court: American protester Rachel Corrie's death an accident

Nine years after an American activist was crushed by an Israeli army bulldozer, an Israeli civil court ruled Tuesday that Rachel Corrie's death was an accident.

Corrie, 23, was killed in 2003 while trying to block the bulldozer from razing Palestinian homes.

Her parents filed suit against Israel's Ministry of Defense in a quest for accountability and sought just \$1 in damages.

But Judge Oded Gershon ruled Tuesday that the family has no right to damages, backing an earlier Israeli investigation that cleared any soldier of wrongdoing.

"I believe this was a bad day not only for our family, but a bad day for human rights, for humanity, for the rule of law and also for the country of Israel," her mother, Cindy Corrie, said after the verdict.

"Rachel's right to life and dignity were violated by the Israeli mili-

tary," she said, adding that her daughter and her family deserve "accountability."

"A civil lawsuit is not a substitute for a credible investigation, which we never had. This lawsuit was our only recourse as a family," Cindy Corrie said.

But the state prosecutor's office said the driver of the bulldozer couldn't see Corrie.

"The death of Rachel Corrie is without a doubt a tragic accident," the office said in a statement. "As the verdict states, the driver of the bulldozer and his commander had a very limited field of vision, such that they had no possibility of seeing Ms. Corrie and thus are exonerated of any blame for negligence"

Hussein Abu Hussein, the Corrie family attorney, regards the decision as a "bad ruling" for the family and all activists. He said the Corries intend to appeal to Israel's Supreme Court.

Romney clinches nomination at GOP convention

Mitt Romney officially clinched the GOP presidential nomination Tuesday when a majority of delegates to the Republican National Convention supported his candidacy.

To roaring cheers in the packed Tampa Bay Times Forum, the delegation from New Jersey put

Romney above the 1,144-delegate threshold and a step closer in his five-year quest for the White House.

Earlier, the 2,200-plus convention delegates approved a conservative platform that called for less government, opposed same-sex marriage and endorsed a "human life amendment" to ban abortion with no specific exceptions for cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is threatened.

The formal nomination of Romney and his running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, will take place Thursday, and his acceptance speech will wrap up the final night of the convention that had its agenda delayed because of Hurricane Isaac.

The storm churned toward land-fall in Louisiana, but Republican officials appeared determined to stick to a tightened three-day schedule that kicked into full gear Tuesday with official business and speeches accusing President Barack Obama of failed leadership and undermining the American dream.

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus launched the litany of attacks, saying that another term for Obama and Vice President Joe Biden will mean "four more years of failure."

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Campustown

Inked out personal expression

Artists draw on advice on finding that personal fit

By Rachel Sinn
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Along with the numerous bars in Campustown, another common site that many students frequent are the tattoo shops.

Tattoos can be a form of expression, remembrance and individuality, but with social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest, local Campustown tattoo artists argue that being original with body art is rare among customers.

Some tattoo artists in Campustown offered a few of their suggestions.

Jaded Angel owner, Bob Parr, said words in a tattoo are fine, but don't overdo it.

"Big quotes on your side: overdone," Parr said. "Nobody wants to stand around reading your body; images are much more enticing."

Daniel Forrester, Lasting Impressions tattoo artist, believes Pinterest has hindered people from thinking on their own when it comes to body art.

"Ames is in a really weird place, because there are a lot of young people that don't know about tattoos and tattooing and a lot of shops sort of prey on them by taking their money and giving them exactly what they want," Forrester said. "Even though they could get something a lot cooler, instead of taking the time to explain what's passable and what's usable they will just do the bare minimum."

Forrester understands that celebrity tattoos will always be trendy, but suggests to not follow the hype.

"Everybody wants what the new celebrity just got and no one wants to think for themselves," Forrester said. "For example, right now we're doing a rash of infinity signs with words and lettering, you probably know five people that have that tattoo."

Forrester admits that although he has been guilty of just giving the people what they want, he finds it difficult to explain options without a client becoming offended. Any suggestion can be taken as an insult and with several tattoo



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Cameron Morris, tattoo artist for Lasting Impressions, inks out a tatto on Friday for Kristopher Strange, a walk-in customer.

shops in the area, customers have no trouble finding someone that is willing to give them exactly what they think they want.

"People can put a little bit more thought into what they want instead of what their friend puts on their Pinterest page," Forrester said.

Parr said: "Don't get something just because your friends are telling you to get [it]. Get something that you've been thinking about for a while; maybe six months or a year." He added, "Don't worry about how much it's going to hurt, because your tattoo is going to outlast your friends and the pain."

Tattoos are also becoming more popular in between fingers, a difficult area for tattoos to heal properly.

As the area is small, tiny detailed scripts and fonts are a common request and although it can be done, Forrester advises against it, because the ink will spread under the skin over time and end up looking blurry.

Tattoos on the hands and face are a big commitment. Parr warns any customer or first-timer against getting tattoos in a place that might hurt

them when trying to find a job.

Another warning that is not usually communicated to customers is the risk of tattooing someone else's name onto their body. If it symbolizes a lost loved one or a child's name, that is one thing; but tattooing a boyfriend's or girlfriend's name is never wise, Forrester said.

"Most people get names because they've messed up and they're thinking that a grand gesture is going to fix everything," Forrester said. "You've got to do something else with your life other than getting a tattoo to fix it."

Forrester admits he does have friends that have tattooed a significant other's name on their body but does not advise it for the average college

relationship.

Body art is expensive. Unless a person is loyal to only one tattoo artist, many people tend to shop around for prices.

"Good tattoos are not cheap; cheap tattoos are not good," Parr warns.

It is also suggested for people to plan out their body art with an artist beforehand and then schedule a time to come in for the actual tattoo. While walk-ins are welcome at most shops, quality tattoos take time and planning.

People are encouraged to not be afraid to ask a tattoo artist for his or her portfolio. A portfolio that is well-done can ensure a potential customer the artist can provide him or her with the craftsmanship he or she may want for perma-

Tattoo dos and don'ts

- Words are fine, but don't overdo it
- Celebrity tattoos are trendy, but don't follow the hype
- Get something that you've been thinking about for while — maybe six months or a year
- Think twice before getting tattoos on the hands, face or between the fingers
- If you're a first-timer, think twice before getting a tattoo in a place that might hurt
- Don't get tattoos of a boyfriend or girlfriend's name on your body, unless it is a lost loved one or child's name
- Good tattoos are not cheap. Cheap tattoos are not always good
- Plan out any body art with a tattoo artist first and then go get it later

nent ink.

"A good tattoo fits the body right; it flows around the muscles and around the skeletal framework. It's elegant and

flattering," Forrester said. "If you want something that actually has meaning to you, then you have to make your own magic out of it."



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Politics



President Barack Obama spoke to 6,000 people Tuesday on Central Campus. Obama spoke about the youth vote, student loan programs, health care and renewable energy.

As election looms, Iowa gives Obama something to believe in

By Katelynn McCollough
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Six thousand audience members, 90 degree heat and a call to make a choice.

This was the scene as a cardinal-and-gold-clad mass passed around water and listened intently to the third sitting president (preceded by Gerald Ford and Bill Clinton) to visit Iowa State.

“Just over two months from now, for the first time in most of your lives, you will get the chance to pick a president,” said President Barack Obama on Central Campus on Tuesday, Aug. 28.

“When you step into that voting booth, the choice you make in that one instant is going to shape your country and your world for decades to come,” Obama said. “Your generation chooses which path we take as a country; your vote decides where we go from here.”

Those in attendance spent several hours, some arriving as early as 5 a.m., to hear the 44th president speak just after 1 p.m.

On a stage in front of Curtiss Hall, Obama — who claimed he would do his best to have a speech equal that of Paul Rhoads — hit nearly every political topic, from renewable energy to the economy, student loan programs, the war in Iraq and health care.

Obama has visited the state of Iowa 12 times since the start of his presidency, six of those times, including this event, have been in 2012.

“Iowa is one of the most competitive states,” said David Peterson, professor of political science. “There is not a lot of states in play in the middle, but we are definitely one of them.”

Iowa has only six electoral votes up for grabs, but the state is one of only a few that could still swing either way.

About 200 Obama volunteers, who remained tight-lipped on any details involving the day’s events, and Romney supporters, who gathered in front of Parks Library, spent the morning registering students to vote.

Peterson stated that with this election’s youth votes, there “might be less engagement, less connection and a less sort of excitement this time compared to four years ago.”

Obama asked all the youths present at the event to get active in the next two months, and also said he is counting on all of them in the upcoming election.

“We knew that solving our biggest problems was going to take more than one year, one term or even one president, but we went ahead, and we got started. We know we’ve still got a lot of work to do to get where we need to be, but we are going to get there. I believe that, because I believe in you,” Obama said in his speech.

Obama discussed the fact that by July 1, Congress had passed a bill that kept interest rates on student loans from doubling from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent.

As president, Obama changed the student

loan program in 2010, which made it so all student loans went through the Federal Direct Student Loan Program instead of through a bank. He also eliminated a student’s ability to get two Pell Grants in one year, which used to make it easier for students to receive funding to go to school in the summer as well.

Roberta Johnson, director of Iowa State’s financial aid office, said Obama eliminated a student’s chance to get two Pell Grants in a year because the Pell Grant program was “becoming unsustainable.”

According to the ISU Fact Book, the amount of money awarded through Pell Grants between 2009 and 2010 jumped from \$21.6 million to 24.6 million.

Johnson said Gov. Mitt Romney, who was announced as the presidential nomination for the Republican Party at the GOP National Convention on Tuesday, was not clear on his plans for the student loan programs but that Paul Ryan has discussed restricting the Pell Grant program and restricting eligibility for receiving a Pell Grant.

“In America, higher education isn’t a luxury — It’s an economic necessity that every family should be able to afford,” Obama stated.

Obama also touched on what all he has accomplished while in office with the support of his voters.

“I said we’d end the Iraq War; we did. I said we would get Bin Laden; we did,” Obama said to

cheers. “No one will ever again have to hide who they love in order to serve the country they love because your vote ended “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” once and for all; you made that change.”

Obama ended by encouraging his supporters to be involved in the campaign over the next two months and to make a “choice” on election night of where they wanted the country to go from here.

“I’m asking you one more time to do what we did, what young people all across the state of Iowa did four years ago; I’m asking you to believe. ... We’ve come too far to turn back now; we’ve got more work to do.”

All classes in Curtiss Hall were moved to the Memorial Union for the day, which Wendy Wintersteen, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Science, said was “easy to accomodate.”

In terms of financial impact on Iowa State, the senior vice president for business and finance, Warren Madden, said the university will know the costs of the event in around the next 30 days.

Madden said the Obama campaign will be reimbursing the university for most costs and that they agreed to pay the rent of about \$7,000 for using Curtiss Hall and Central Campus, a fee that would be the same for others who wish to use the space.

Madden does not believe there will be any substantial amount of cost to the university for the event.



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Viewpoints

Voters sound off on their personal political stories

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The Early Birds: Briana McNeal and Adriana Slaughter



The rough pavement and infamous Tuesday morning sleep-in did not stop Briana McNeal, senior in global resource systems, and Adriana Slaughter, senior in child, adult and family services, from beating every other student to the front of the line at the entrance of Central Campus to see President Barack Obama speak. Armed with a blanket, drinks and some snacks, McNeal and Slaughter sat proudly at the front of the line while later arrivals jealously walked passed them to the end of the line.

"We got here at 5 a.m. because we thought there was going to be a long line and we were surprised we got here first," McNeal said. "We have some provisions to last us until they let us in."

Both McNeal and Slaughter are strong Obama supporters and were quite excited to be first in line to see their president, for whom they both expect to vote for come November. Like most students, they were hoping the president would address issues that were important to them.

"His views on higher education are very important to me," Slaughter said. "This is both our first time voting and we're both voting for Obama."

A Family Event: The Showe Family

Near the front of the line Tuesday morning sat the Showe family of Chicago. Carolyn and Terry Showe were visiting their daughter Anna, who attends Iowa State. Amid their enthusiasm for Obama, they admitted that his appearance at Iowa State was simply a fortunate coincidence that they were there at the same time.

"We came to see our daughter, and it just happened that Obama was going to be here," Carolyn Showe said.

In terms of policy, Terry was hoping Obama would speak about progressive issues.

"We are hoping he talks about the economy, farming and next generation energy policy like wind energy," Terry Showe said. "He's progressive and I like his views on moving the country forward."

Like her parents, Anna showed similar enthusiasm about what President Obama stood for and voting in her first election.

"I really like what he stands for," Anna said. "I wasn't old enough to vote in the last election, but I will be voting for Obama in Iowa this November."



The Happy Traveler: Maher Agha



Originally from Lebanon, currently living in Puerto Rico and visiting his son at Iowa State, Maher Agha was an early arrival to the Obama event and was more than happy he was.

"I wanted to come see the president of the United States," Agha said. "I think he has been working hard to put the country on track. ... I respect him as a person, a father and a president, and I believe he is doing everything he can to get us going again."

A world traveler, Agha has been everywhere from Lebanon to Australia to the Caribbean, and in his opinion, there is no place better than the United States thanks to people like President Obama.

"God bless the president, and God bless the USA," Agha said. "I have gone all over the world and there is no place like America."

Passion for Politics: Monica Leier

Monica Leier, senior in history and political science, has been with the Obama campaign for only a few months now, but she believes in him enough to take on a job with them. She says she is especially excited because in 2008 she was unable to vote.

"I was too young by just a couple of days," Leier said.

Leier is a fall fellow for the campaign, which she says is basically like an intern. She works a lot of days canvassing door to door and speaking to people on campus.

"Most people are pretty excited to talk to me," she said.

When asked if many people try to debate policy with her or argue she says she gets a handful, but “most of them aren’t really rude. It hasn’t been bad at all.”

She said most people seem to be concerned about health care and the economy.

Over the past few weeks, she and her fellow campaign volunteers have managed to register hundreds of voters. They had people registering voters at the Memorial Union when tickets for the president's visit were being handed out, in addition to their presence in the free-speech zone for the past couple of weeks.



Contender Defender: Jon Laudner

It can be tough for some people to go against the crowd. But Jon Laudner, sophomore in pre-business and member of the College Republicans, said there is a lot of excitement for Romney on campus. Laudner said that while it seems like a majority of students are Obama supporters, he and his fellow Republicans want to show Obama, "that he doesn't have the youth vote locked up like he thinks he does."

Laudner has some numbers to back him up. There were more than 50 students gathered together to show their support for Romney or, rather, their disapproval of Obama. The group had signs and made their presence known as they marched up Osborn Drive. They were calling to the Obama supporters saying "Mitt 2012" and "Where are the jobs?"

Other than the respectful calling out to the Obama crowd they were fairly reserved. Laudner did say the College Republicans “don’t condone heckling.”





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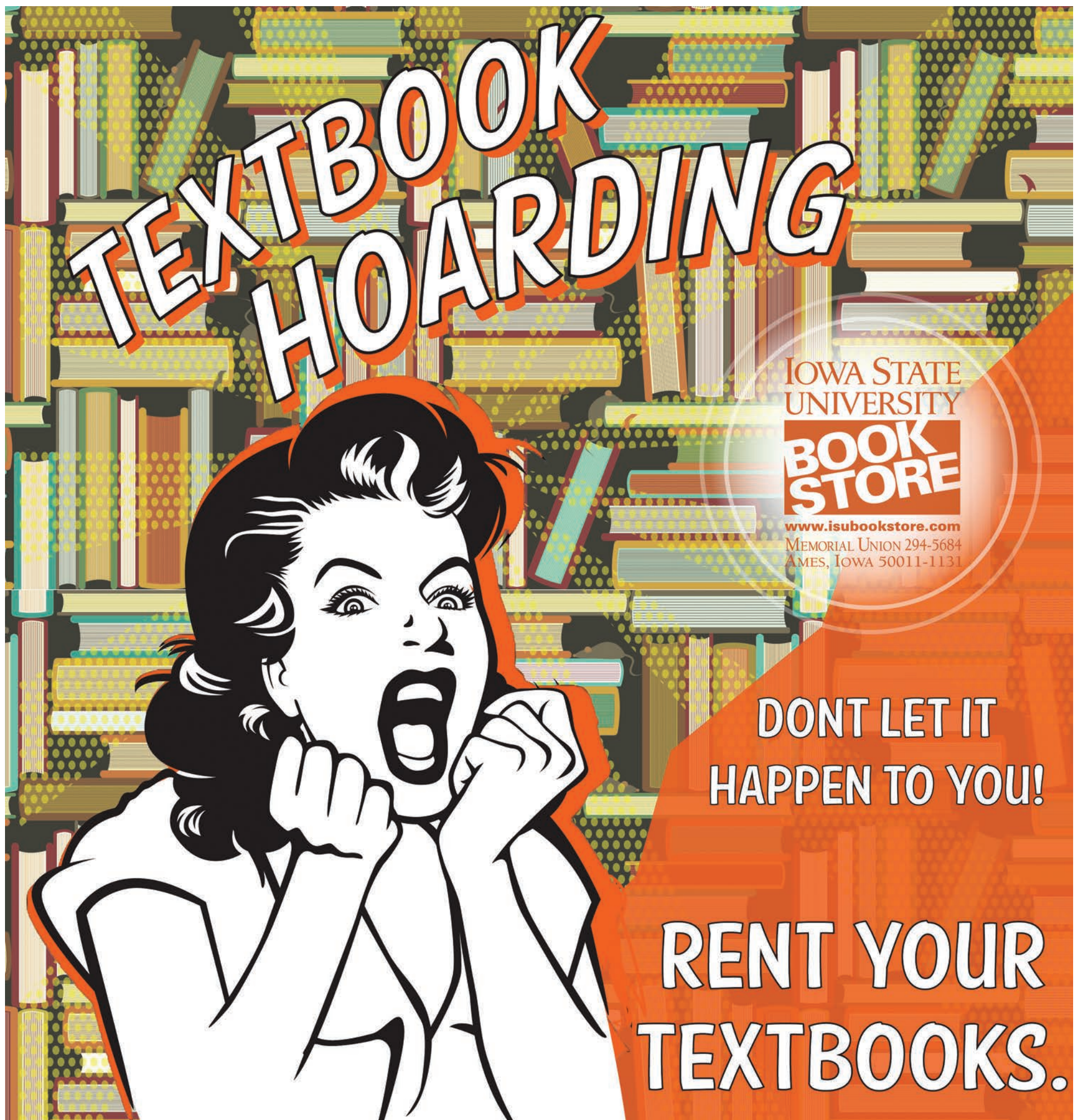
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President Barack Obama takes the stage before speaking to the crowd of 6,000 people on Central Campus. Obama has become the third sitting president to visit Iowa State.

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PRESIDENTIAL



Patrick Fleming, of The Posion Control Center, performs a set on Central Campus before President Barack Obama took the stage. Fleming was invited by the Obama campaign to keep the crowd entertained prior to the arrival of the president.

Photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily



Volunteers hand out bottles of water to the crowd waiting to hear President Barack Obama speak on Central Campus. Temperatures that afternoon reached into the 90s.

Photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily

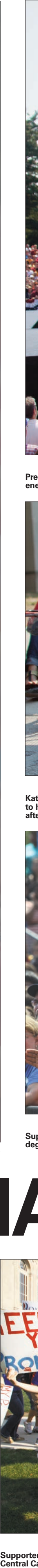




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President Barack Obama spoke to 6,000 people on Tuesday on Central Campus. Obama spoke about the youth vote, student loan programs, health care and renewable energy.



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Marina Williams, graduate student in educational leadership and policy studies, reads America's Promise to her children Vijay and Victoria Williams while waiting in line to see President Obama speak Tuesday afternoon on Central Campus.



Photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily

President Barack Obama shakes hands and gives hugs to members of the audience on Central Campus. The crowd number more than 6,000.



Photo: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily

Reporters cheer for President Barack Obama during his speech Tuesday on Central Campus. Despite the 90 degree weather, more than 6,000 people made it to campus to hear the president speak.



Photo: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily

President Barack Obama greets the more than 6,000 people that came to listen to him speak on Central Campus in front of Curtiss Hall.

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Members of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney protest before President Barack Obama's speech on campus. The protesters carried handmade signs to emphasize their purpose.

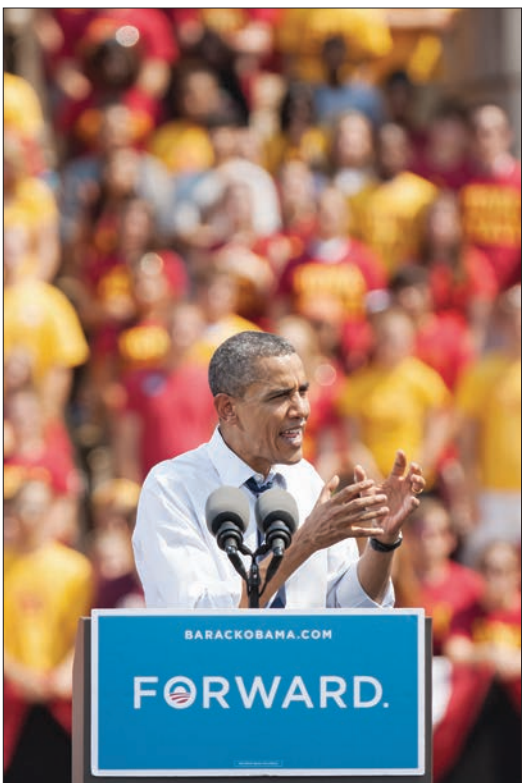


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Student success

Recognizing signs of academic trouble

Focus on grades to avoid facing GPA probation

By Aimee.Burch
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For most ISU students, it seems preposterously early to be thinking of the end of the midterm and semester grades. It is hot, muggy, and classes are barely a week old.

But for those students who may already be struggling in certain subjects, or perhaps have struggled in the past, this is exactly the time to be thinking ahead.

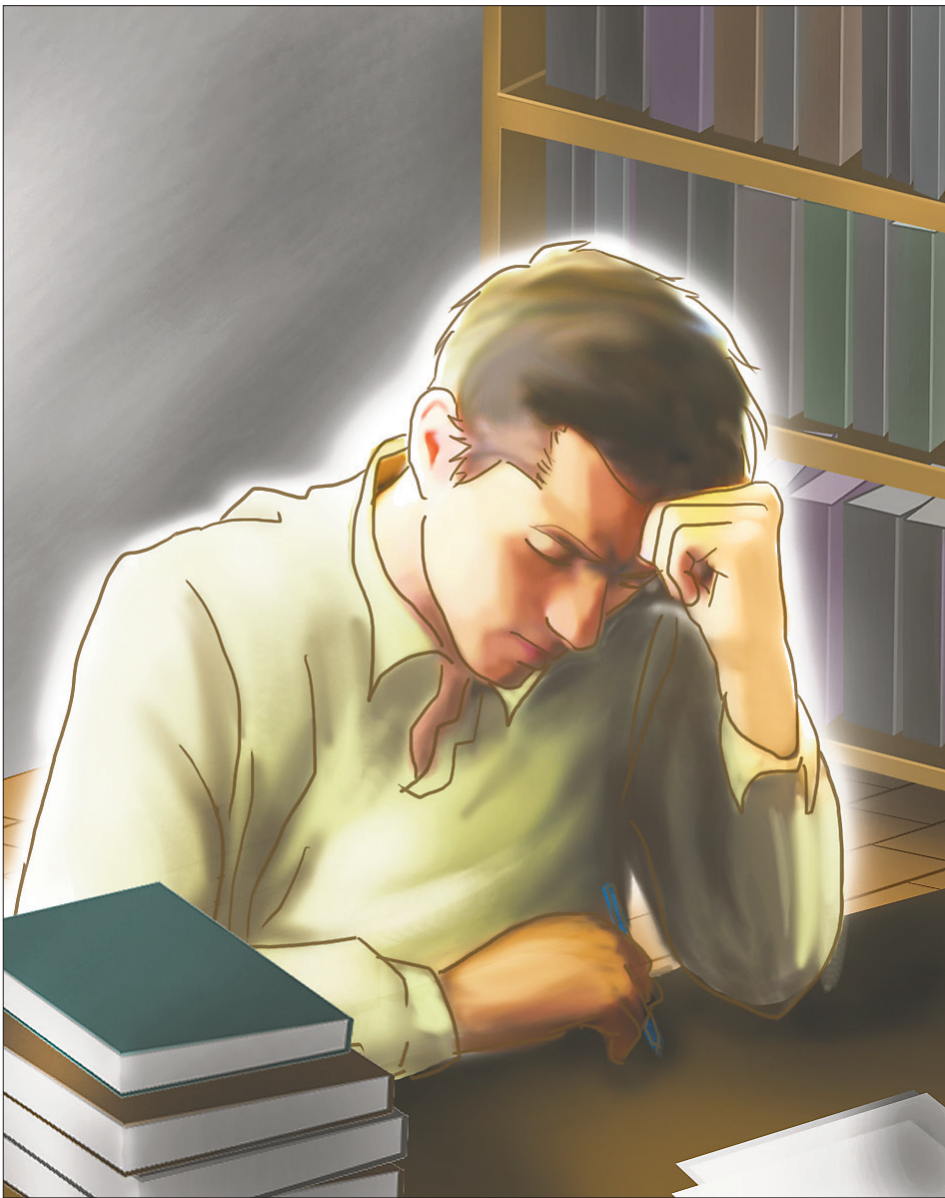
Iowa State has different policies in place for students who may not be hitting the required benchmarks.

The official policy states that academic standing at Iowa State is determined by the total number of credits a student has attempted or earned, the student's semester GPA and the student's cumulative GPA. A warning will be given to a student when his or her semester GPA falls less than 2.0.

"Iowa State has the academic standards policy in place to really help students ... if they end up in a warning or probation status," said Jill Kramer, program coordinator for academic intervention and coaching at the Hixson-Lied Student Success Center.

"But [the university] really wants students to recognize that their GPA is below where Iowa State wants it to be and where they're going to want it to be."

Kramer said to remain off these lists, students need to focus on their semester grades. The warnings are relatively new to the policy and serve as reminders to students with whom, should their performance not improve, more serious action will be taken.



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"They put a warning into place so that students would have more time to recover without seeing that dismissal looming as quickly," Kramer said. "Also with that probation policy, that warning does also require them to meet with their academic adviser."

In this meeting, students and their advisers will discuss what went wrong and can pinpoint various issues and obstacles a student may be facing. Students can see

Iowa State has standards in place to really help students if they end up in a warning or probation status."
Jill Kramer

where improvements to their schedule need to be made and can be pointed towards other resources they may need to utilize.

The keys to staying out of danger lie in pinpointing various benchmarks and signs.

Kramer said it is important for students to start the semester on a solid foundation by getting their courses and schedules straightened out and recognizing when they may be in over their head.

If a student ends up on aca-

What does it mean when you're placed on academic probation?

The university policy states that a student on academic probation:

- Students may be placed on academic probation as a result of a semester GPA, cumulative GPA or both.
- Students will be placed on academic probation at the end of a semester for either of these two reasons:
 - Semester GPA: Students who earn less than a 1.00 at the end of any fall or spring semester, or less than a 2.00 two consecutive semesters, will be placed on academic probation. Students will not be placed on academic probation at the end of the summer term due to summer term GPA only.
 - Cumulative GPA: Students with 75 or more credits attempted or earned, whichever is greater, will be placed on academic probation at the end of any fall or spring semester or summer term when their cumulative GPA is less than 2.00. Students with 75 or more credits attempted or earned who have a transfer GPA less than 2.00 will be placed on academic probation at the end of any fall or spring semester or summer term when their combined transfer/ISU cumulative GPA is less than 2.00.

What is an academic warning?

According to the official university policy:

- "A student on warning whose subsequent term GPA is below a 2.00 will be placed on probation the following term.
- Students who receive an academic warning are required to develop a plan for academic improvement in consultation with their academic adviser or the Academic Success Center. A student who is subject to both academic warning and academic probation will be placed on academic probation. The academic warning is not a part of the student's permanent academic record.
- Students will receive an academic warning at the end of any fall or spring semester when they earn a GPA of 1.00 to 1.99 for that semester. At the end of the next fall or spring semester of enrollment, one of the following actions will be taken for students on academic warning status:
 - Students will be placed on academic probation if they earn less than a 2.00 GPA for the next fall or spring semester.
 - They will be removed from warning status if they earn at least a 2.00 semester GPA for the next fall or spring semester and they are not subject to academic probation based on cumulative GPA (more than 75 credits).

demic probation, he or she will need to complete an academic intervention self-assessment form. Via a link in AccessPlus, students answer questions about what may not have gone as well in the last semester and what kinds of obstacles they may have been facing. From there, they are required

to share the results with their academic adviser.

A student may also wish to utilize various services offered on campus, such as academic coaching. Academic coaching allows the student to meet one-on-one with a coach to go over different learning and study strategies.

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Academics

College of Design: Making the cut

Limited space leads to high competition

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Design students. Within Iowa State, these two words put together often coincide with phrases like high stress, lack of sleep, no social life or borderline nervous breakdown, but some students might say that being a design student really is not like what the stereotype entails.

Entering freshman Quentin Bangston, major in pre-graphic design, said the stress is manageable. “Right now my stress is kind of moderate, just because they’re throwing a lot at us all at once,” Bangston said. “My stress level is probably what it should be for a first-year design student, because I feel like a little stress in this program is kind of healthy.”

All incoming freshman complete a one-year pre-professional core design program before applying to enter into their selected professional area of study which includes: architecture, art and design, biological/pre-medical illustration, community and regional planning, interdisciplinary design, graphic design, industrial design, integrated studio arts, interior design or landscape architecture.

Many students say the application process itself is very nerve-racking among students: Students may apply only once a year, so if rejected from their program of choice, he or she must wait a full calendar year to try again.

After submitting the required portfolio, essay and application, the applicant’s materials are reviewed by a faculty team to decide which program would be willing to accept him or her.

While most students are offered a place among at least one of the programs, due to the limited number of seats available, some students must be rejected, according to the College of Design website.

Adam Thilges, senior in interior design, said his biggest fear as a freshman was not getting into his program.



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Chelsea Britis, third year architecture student, works on her Architecture 301 Studio “Squaw Creek Landscape” project.

“I felt like I would have to wait a year to reapply, or that I would get into something that I didn’t really want,” Thilges said.

With difficult projects in the design core classes, Thilges recalls being very intimidated with having to make a three-dimensional juicer out of paper his first year.

“It was miserable for me — that was definitely the worst one,” Thilges said.

Joe Langner, senior in interior design, also admits the first year can be rough.

“My freshman year, I would have said it was hard. But now looking back, I would say that it was very competitive,” Langner said.

Thilges wants future students to understand the amount of work they are getting into before signing up.

“Know what you’re getting into. Talk to people who have gotten into the program or talk to people who are in the core,” Thilges advised. “Don’t think it’s going to be easy. It’s not. You’re going to have to devote a lot of time to it, and it’s going to be stressful.” Langner said the most important skill to learn is time management, but

encouraged any student that has a passion for art to work hard in their design program.

“If you love it, go for it,” Langner said. “Put your whole heart into the projects that you do and definitely figure out how to budget your time right away, because that’s going to be the hardest thing for a design student to do.”

Getting along with professors and creating a relationship is essential for students in core classes. Any type of connection they make in the beginning can help them later.

“You definitely need to be talking with your professors as much as you can, just because design is one of the smaller colleges,” Langner said. “With each major, if you get in any program, whether it be architecture or interior design, you’re only going to have four to five professors that you talk to and see on a daily basis.”

Thilges refers to the first year as a design student as the “test year.”

“The first year is a year full of stuff that you shouldn’t think of as what you’re going to be doing for the rest of your college career,” Thilges said. “It’s just kind of showing you what

Design Programs

- Architecture
- Art and design
- Biological/pre-medical illustration
- Community and regional planning
- Interdisciplinary design
- Graphic design
- Industrial design
- Integrated studio arts
- Interior design
- Landscape architecture

What happens?

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- “Don’t think it’s going to be easy”
- Learn time management
- Create a working relationship with professors

the different programs will offer, and different projects that will show what you’re good at and what you like.”

Langner remembers his defining moment of knowing that the College of Design was for him.

“I’ll never forget, when my parents asked me: ‘Are you sure you don’t want to do something that might be a little easier?’” Langner knew from that moment on there was no turning back for him.

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Big problems, big enrollment clash together

As of Aug. 20, Iowa State is the largest Iowa university when it comes to enrollment. Total enrollment on the opening day of classes was just over 31,000 students, a feat most would say the university should be proud of. But those of us who make up record-breaking enrollment are discovering the downside to fitting so many into stagnant facilities.

It was evident the very first day of classes how claustrophobic the atmosphere was. Sidewalks, classrooms, dining centers, CyRides — all were bursting at the seams with students trying to simply navigate from point A to point B.

For returning students, this means changing the routines you have become familiar with during your previous years on campus. Suddenly, the easy commute to class on the bus is going to take you an extra 20 minutes because the first three that arrived were too full to pick up any more students. Want to stop by the Memorial Union to grab a quick lunch between classes? You might want to rethink that decision unless you have an hour to get through the food lines and stealthy reflexes to be the first to dive into an open chair and table when one finally becomes unoccupied. Remember being able to arrive at your classes late and still slip into a seat in the back row? This semester, you better prepare to be at least 10 minutes early to get an acceptable seat and five minutes early to be stuck in an aisle or the nosebleed sections.

The campus we have now is struggling to accommodate the students this university is bringing in. If Iowa State wants to continue to be the largest university in Iowa, it needs to keep up with the demand for an ISU education. We have students living in dens, students sitting in aisles of classrooms and students struggling to find a place on the sidewalk. The only way to fit on this campus anymore is to fall out of normal routines and practices, a struggle for many students.

ISU President Steven Leath is in support of growing enrollment. Leath spoke to a U.S. Senate committee this summer about affordable college education. During this discussion, Leath said that a college education should be available to all those who wish to pursue it. Leath has also said he would like to see Iowa State's enrollment increase to over 35,000 in the next five years.

The question then becomes this: Is Iowa State more focused on quantity or quality? With more students come more problems, and these problems can only be dealt with if the university recognizes that something needs to be done. If Leath wants anyone to be able to have a college education, does he want it to be one of quality, or will sitting in the aisles and living in dens suffice for the next decade?

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Students will soon see two articulated (two-car) CyRide buses on campus, as well as have access to a tracking device which will inform them as the location of buses from their smartphones.

CyRide moves forward

If you have been to Iowa State's campus, it is almost a given that you have noticed the CyRide buses. Those CyRide buses, or at least the people in charge of them, also have noticed you.

CyRide is one of those services that can easily be taken for granted. The continual stream of buses marching around Ames like clockwork can seem like just another thing that happens without much thought or input. As it turns out, there is an enormous effort being put into making CyRide not only a better bus system for the city of Ames but a transit model for college campuses all over the country.

Warren Madden, ISU senior vice president for business and finance and a veteran member of the local Transit Board, which combines student, university, and city interests concerning public transit in Ames, recognizes that CyRide is not just Ames' bus system. It is also a student service. He said that "the system has been responsive to student needs."

That does make sense, considering 89 percent of last year's riders were either students or children under the age of five — anyone who was not required to pay fare. That large proportion seems even larger when compared to the 61 percent of CyRide's local funding that is given by students.

Examples of just how CyRide works for students are both long-standing and numerous. They include developments like incorporating extensive routes to western Ames, where many students can find affordable apartment housing, adding bike racks to the fronts of buses, providing two dedicated campus circulator routes and working with the University to provide a free-fare service based on student fees. CyRide has even worked on their service times, providing students the Moonlight Express, commonly referred to by other, less dignified names.

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CyRide and the Transit Board are not satisfied with their exceptional service, however. They are continually applying for federal grants to improve and revamp the existing services. The CyRide headquarters, located on the northeast corner of Iowa State's main campus, reminds one of a bus-themed Tetris game. There currently is not even enough garage space to cover all buses in use. Nine of the current 84-bus fleet have to brave their nights under a blanket of stars.

This will hopefully be changed soon, said Sheri Kyras, CyRide's director of transit, as a multi-million-dollar proposal is in the works that would establish garage space for 11 additional buses, raise the current garage roof levels — so the CyBrid buses have full access — and install floodgates to ensure the buses will not be damaged in the event of a large flood.

That is not to say the last string of CyRide upgrades will only affect students indirectly. In a few weeks, our campus will be home to two articulated buses, which are essentially two buses connected by a flexible middle. According to a study done by consulting group URS Corporation about six years ago, articulated buses will be a significant improvement for clogged and cramped hours on the Orange Route. Each of the \$524,000 buses was purchased through federal grant funding, which typically provides 80 percent of project costs, leaving the remainder to be gathered locally.

CyRide officials visited with representatives from the Champaign-Urbana area in Illinois, which currently employs a fleet of articulated buses, about some of the problems and benefits they have noticed. A test-run was also staged last summer to make sure the new buses would be able to drive the routes

expected. After six years of build-up, the articulated buses were given the go-ahead. The brand new buses are on schedule to be in service later this fall, sleek and shiny in their bright new Cyclone paint.

The on-route infrastructure of CyRide is also looking at upgrades in the near future, with a six-month to one-yearlong study in the works that would evaluate the current situation, and the viability or necessity of new, smaller projects. These would cover an array of things such as increased numbers of benches, permanent stepping platforms, increased or altered signage, and even changes in routing.

The CyRide student fee — \$62.50 per semester, for anyone counting — has been stable over the last five years, while enrollment has been steadily increasing. The excess funds this has created have been put into a trust fund recently totaling \$1.5 million. The account is designed to keep fees constant when enrollment is down, or for funding when the students feel there is a project worth supporting.

One of those projects is quite possibly the most exciting development CyRide is currently making. The NextBus GPS tracking system that is already installed in the CyRide buses will allow anyone with a smartphone or an Internet connection to track all buses in real time. Testing is currently underway, and the system is on schedule to be fully operational in the beginning months of 2013.

CyRide not only provides a first-class service to Ames and the ISU family, but it is constantly working to improve that service. I suggest that each of us take full advantage of this improving CyRide system.

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Make history, don't just tell it

Chase success
no matter how
doubtful it seems



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Most deaths are inherently a time for reflection. Indeed, if the person was at all known by family, neighbors or friends, reflections abound immediately afterward, at funerals and memorial services, and at anniversaries that call the person's memory to mind. Such nostalgia is natural.

It is even more natural when the person is as illustrious as Neil Armstrong.

At 82 years old, Armstrong died on Saturday. And while most 82-year-olds die able to say they have lived a full life, Armstrong went farther than almost anyone else. Having pushed the envelope of human endurance and the limits of flight, he became the first of 12 men in the world to set foot on the moon.

That feat has not been accomplished since the Apollo 17 mission that ended on Dec. 19, 1972. Also since that time, no man has flown beyond low-earth orbit. As a polity, we have decided boldly going where no man has gone

before is not worth our energy and resources. In a very literal way, we have defined our comfortable limits and chosen to live within them.

In an even more literal way, we will — if we ever step off the safety of terra firma — be boldly going where no man has gone before. Armstrong's death closes us off from the history he made. Separated now from his experiences by virtue of the fact that we can no longer actually ask him about them, the history of one man taking a small step and mankind taking a giant leap is now an academic exercise.

History can live, but only so long as the people with stories have life in their lungs.

Now, more than ever, we will be going where none of us has gone before. If we ever attempt a lunar landing again, or a landing anywhere else, we cannot call on Armstrong's expertise. We will

have to figure it out on our own. The survival of explorers and doers will be solely up to them. While we may learn from Armstrong's experiences, we cannot learn from them because he has taught us.

Each new generation, as well as each individual, must make its or his or her own history. The great question for us all is this: Will the stories we tell be the same ones told to us? Or will we do something on our own that we can add to the body of history, folklore and myth? When we die, will the legacy we leave be one that we added to? Or will we have merely reclined in our chairs, listened passively and passed on the high achievements of previous generations?

Now, rather than sit on the knees of and listen to the stories of a man who did what many thought was impossible, we must do the same — so that, in our old age, we can do for future generations what was done for us. Now, it is our turn to do inspiring things that are of dubious possibility so that we have stories of our own to tell. Resting on our laurels will be insufficient. Our inheritance is just that: It is ours in a very special way that will not belong to the people who inherit a legacy

from us. Doing something with it, learning from it, is up to us. Doing something as noteworthy as landing on the moon — and safely returning from the inhospitably hostile environment of space — might take a while.

That should not discourage us.

The noble deeds of history are done as often by old men as they are by young men. In Rome, Cincinnatus left his plow to take up the dictatorship first when he was 62 years old and again when he was 81 years old. George Washington was elected president when he was 56 years old. "Missing our chance" is not an excuse. History-making is not an activity reserved for youths.

The author George Eliot wisely stated, "It is never too late to become what you might have been."

When we are old, we ought still to be asking ourselves: "How will I use this day? How will I use this moment?" The turning points in our lives are defined by the turns we take, not the times. Redemption and achievement are always possible.

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Politics

Give Akin the chance to redeem himself

Recently, there has been an uproar in response to U.S. Rep. Todd Akin's statements during an interview with Charles Jaco. When asked about abortion in cases of pregnancy due to rape, he responded: "First of all, from what I understand from doctors, that's really rare. If it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down. But let's assume that maybe that didn't work or something. I think there should be some punishment, but the punishment ought to be on the rapist and not attacking the child."

I was appalled at the statements Akin made, and I think it shows a sufficient lack of knowledge on the subjects involved. This is what President Barack Obama meant by remarking that Akin had "somehow missed science class." But Akin has a B.S. in engineering and a Master of Divinity degree. He has no verifiable credentials in the medical or human biological fields.

We cannot justifiably be angry with him because of his lack of knowledge in an area with which he has no practical experience. So why does what he said upset so many people, even if it's simply not true? The reason behind this is that people elected to positions of policymaking have the role and responsibility of understanding those they represent. When they say something that many people are strongly against, they defile that purpose. The trust placed in such positions by the people being represented becomes weakened.

A person who is not a public figure could make the same statements as Akin, and it would be more likely that others would attribute such a viewpoint to that person's own ignorance. If that person were to later renounce that opinion

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and claim they made a mistake, it would be fair to afford them the opportunity to correct themselves and clarify their intended message. Politicians usually receive this freedom only from those who already support them. I would expect any understanding person to show me such respect, and I feel Akin deserves to be given the chance to redeem himself.

After causing a significant amount of negative responses, he has attempted to do just this. He backpedaled and stated the following: "In reviewing my off-the-cuff remarks, it's clear that I misspoke in this interview, and it does not reflect the deep empathy I hold for the thousands of women who are raped and abused every year. Those who perpetrate these crimes are the lowest of the low in our society, and their victims will have no stronger advocate in the Senate to help ensure they have the justice they deserve."

He also has a video available on YouTube where he specifically admits he was wrong: "I used the wrong words in the wrong way and for that I apologize. ... The fact is, rape can lead to pregnancy. The truth is, rape has many victims. The mistake I made was in the words I said, not in the heart I hold. I ask for your forgiveness."

It is apparent he did not mean to give people that idea that he was excusing the act of rape or the denying the possibility rape can cause pregnancy. We should be willing to accept this. Ignoring his response and only considering his original comments would be unfair. Only by allowing him to explain what those remarks



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Columnist Alexander Maxwell believes public figures should be granted the same forgiveness as anyone else when they misspeak.

meant can we form an accurate view of his opinions.

Also, by doing this we can more easily understand his stance on the other issues involved. In fact, the issue at hand when he made the original controversial statements was not rape; he was speaking about his opinion of abortion. Akin is a very conservative Republican and has a voting record reflecting a strong opposition to abortion. It appears his response was meant to convey that he does not support abortion even in cases of rape.

I would like to make it clear I do not support Akin, and I disagree with his policy regarding abortion. However, I recognize that in order to have this opinion, I must be willing to discern his position by allowing him the freedom to communicate it. Even when we disagree, once we stop listening, we stop ourselves from understanding what is being said.

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Letter to the editor

Spend time volunteering for a political campaign

"No, I really don't have time to volunteer. But you can send me a yard sign."

That's a direct quote from 90 percent of people who have been asked to volunteer for a political campaign. OK, my statistic is slightly exaggerated and does not account for hang-ups or unusual excuses, nor does it aptly appreciate the occasional super-volunteer. But it does capture the sense of political disengagement in the United States today.

We have been psychologically conditioned to despise campaigning. More often than not, volunteering for a candidate consists of two things: making phone calls and knocking on doors. Most people cringe at either option. What if someone hangs up on me? What if they slam the door in my face?

Throughout a season of campaign work, I've learned it's

inevitable that these two things will happen, probably quite often. But you learn not to take it personally, and when someone appreciates your call (I swear these people exist) it makes up for a dozen hang-ups.

Additionally, the intrinsic satisfaction you get by persuading a voter to support your candidate is much greater than that of sticking a sign in the front lawn.

I hope you all take the opportunity to get involved for the 2012 election.

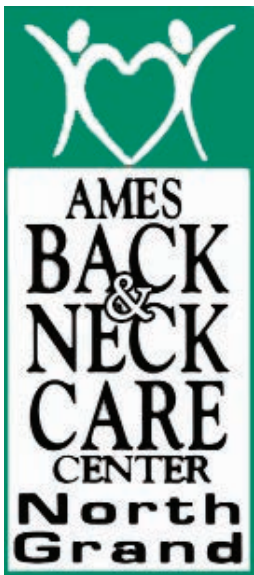
Someone will be elected Nov. 6, so why not have a say in who will represent you? In fact, according to Drake University political scientist Dennis Goldford, ISU students could have more than just a "say" in who will win the 4th District congressional race between Christie Vilsack and Steve King.

As you may have noticed, western Iowa is not a very populous area, and Goldford believes the population of Story County will decide this race.

My byline clearly indicates my bias when it comes to the candidates, so I'll save you my spiel and encourage you to research the candidates yourself. I'm convinced Vilsack will be the right choice for most of you.

In conclusion, while volunteering for a campaign makes you 100 times cooler, the most important thing is that you all take a stand this November. Voting is not just a right; it's a civic responsibility. Let us make sure the best candidate wins.

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‘QUOTABLE’:

“I may not be able to make a speech like Paul Rhoads, but I’ll try.”

Barack Obama during his visit to Iowa State on Tuesday

TENNIS:

Schedule finds 10 home games

By Daily staff

The ISU tennis team has released its 2012–13 schedule on Tuesday, according to a news release.

The fall season is slated to begin at the Drake Fall Invitational — a three-day tournament in Des Moines. Other tournaments in the fall include the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regionals in Tulsa, Okla., the Kansas Fall Invitational in Lawrence, Kan., and the Western Michigan Fall Invitational in Kalamazoo, Mich.

“The fall will be great for us,” said fifth-year coach Armando Espinosa in a news release. “It’s a strong fall schedule, and we think it will give the team a really good preseason.”

Ten home meets are on schedule for the spring slate, including matchups against Iowa and Drake, along with conference matchups against Baylor, TCU, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and West Virginia.

“We have a good combination of very solid teams, and teams that we feel we can compete against,” Espinosa said of the spring schedule. “We are really excited about how it all turned out, and we’re pleased with the strength of it and how the dates have panned out.”

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MLB:

Target Field will host 2014 All-Star game

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

The Minnesota Twins will host the 2014 All-Star game at Target Field.

A person with knowledge of the decision spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither the Twins, nor Major League Baseball had announced it, confirmed the news on Tuesday. The decision was first reported by the Star Tribune.

The Twins scheduled a news conference to make an unspecified “major announcement regarding an upcoming event to be hosted at Target Field,” which opened in 2010. The award of MLB’s 2014 midsummer showcase to Minnesota has been expected for years. Commissioner Bud Selig has all but declared it several times previously.

The 2013 All-Star game is set for Citi Field, home of the New York Mets. The Kansas City Royals hosted this year’s game at Kauffman Stadium.

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Shuttlecock

SPORT:

Badminton

DEFINITION:

A shuttlecock is the conical projectile used in the game of badminton.

USE:

The badminton player returns the shuttlecock over the net to score a point against his opponent.

International competition



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Chua Zie Chieh, sophomore in mechanical engineering, was a national badminton player in Malaysia before he came to the United States and Iowa State. Chua still continues attending badminton competitions in the United States while studying in Iowa State.

Badminton skills span seas

Student reflects on past success in club activity

By Maddy Arnold
Daily correspondent

As a young boy growing up in the state of Malacca in the Southeast Asian country of Malaysia, Chua Zie Chieh discovered his love for badminton.

Chua first started playing badminton when his father introduced him to the game at the age of four. He soon began going to the park and playing recreationally. That is where Chua’s promise for the game was first noticed. “A [badminton] coach spotted my talent and recruited me for the state team,” Chua said. “I was seven years old.”

When Chua first began playing for the Malacca Badminton Association as a child, practices started off slow with only two practices totaling four hours each week.

At the age of 10, Chua was one of only four selected and sent to intensive training for the state team. When he began practicing six days a week, the Malacca Badminton Association issued a letter to his school saying there might be delays in Chua’s homework.

Soon, he began taking formal leaves from school to compete on the junior circuit in interstate competitions. When he started falling behind in class, Chua’s parents became concerned with the time he was spending playing badminton.

“My parents emphasized education,” Chua said. “When I started intensive training, it was impossible for



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Chua Zie Chieh quit playing badminton in national competitions when he entered high school. In order to get into college, Chua needed to focus on his school grades, which cut into his time practicing badminton.

“I gave up my chance so others can shine.”
Chua Zie Chieh

me to finish my homework.”

When he was 14, Chua’s parents asked him to quit badminton. He would begin secondary school the next school year, where grades mattered for college admission.

Although he understood why he was asked to quit, Chua was still upset about leaving his sport.

“Honestly, I was quite an-

gry with my parents because when you are that much into a sport, it is disappointing to give it all up,” Chua said. “If you quit, it is like something is missing in your life.”

The Malacca Badminton Association asked Chua not to quit the sport and offered a compromise: He could train on his own time and compete for them as long as he kept up standards set by the association. But Chua refused.

“We considered it, but I did not want to participate. I wanted other people to have a chance,” Chua said. “I gave up my chance so others can shine.”

Once Chua began secondary school, he started an American degree program. This program is what brought him to Iowa State to study mechanical engineering.

Since arriving in Ames last spring, Chua has joined the ISU Badminton Club where he has impressed many fellow athletes. His practice partner, Di Lok, said Chua’s skills are “absolutely advanced.”

Chua competed in the ISU Badminton Club’s Annual Spring Tournament in which athletes from all around the Midwest compete. He won the singles and

doubles tournaments with his partner, Benjamin Ch’Ng. “I think Chua is a really skillful player,” Ch’Ng said. “He is able to cover the court well, and is also able to predict the opponents’ movements.”

Since coming to the United States, Chua has had a chance to reflect on his badminton career.

“My parents made the right decision, because I could be the top player in a sports school, but then I would have to compete with athletes all over the world,” Chua said.

“Now that I am here, I feel happy.”

Bigbee brings big, young talent

Tournament play showcases abilities

By Alex Halsted
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A player like Mackenzie Bigbee is rare.

The freshman from Williamsburg is left-handed — something that does not come along often for a right side hitter. Equally as rare is her strong performance just three matches into her collegiate career.

“Bigbee is the real deal,” said ISU

“Bigbee is the real deal. She’s a great player; she’s a great offensive player; she’s a great blocker — a great athlete.”
Christy Lynch-Johnson

coach Christy Johnson-Lynch. “She’s a great player; she’s a great offensive player; she’s a great blocker — a great athlete.”

In her first weekend of action for the Cyclones, Bigbee handled her own

in three matches, two of which were tallied as five-set losses against No. 12 Florida State and No. 15 Tennessee.

Johnson-Lynch said Bigbee looked like a veteran on the court, and her numbers agreed. Through three matches, Bigbee lead the team with 37 kills — a tough feat for a freshman.

“Very difficult, very rare,” Johnson-Lynch said of a Bigbee’s kill numbers. “Freshmen are] usually really nervous, [and] physically they’re often times not able to match up yet; it takes them a couple years.”

It took Bigbee just a couple matches. Johnson-Lynch said the next test

will be in the coming weeks as teams prepare for what Bigbee has to offer.

“She’s very low-key, but when she goes up for a kill, it’s pretty demonstrative,” Johnson-Lynch said. “Teams are going to have a tough time against her, and we’ll start to see teams now scouting her and coming up with game plans to slow her down.”

Bigbee said her first weekend of action provided more fun than nerves, adding, now that she is under the spotlight, she will simply have to keep improving.

Analysis

‘Fresh ideas’ in volleyball



File photo: Iowa State Daily
Middle blocker Jamie Straube attempts to tip the ball over the net Dec. 2, 2011, during the match against UW-Milwaukee in the first round of the NCAA Volleyball Championships. Straube led the team in kills with a total of 15 throughout the game.

New ISU assistant volleyball coach Greg Harasymowycz is constantly vocal to his players.

Whether that is giving them positive reinforcement or correcting mistakes he sees during practice, he lets the players hear it. That is the way he has been used to running things, especially during the last four years.

Harasymowycz came to Iowa State from UCLA, where he was an assistant coach for the men's volleyball team for four seasons under legendary coach Al Scates.

Scates, who has been the Bruins' coach since 1963, has a career record of 1239-290, making him the winningest coach in NCAA volleyball history — men's or women's. He has also won 19 NCAA titles, which ties him for the most titles won by a coach in a single sport.

Harasymowycz said one of the most valuable things that he learned from Scates in his four years at UCLA is that giving feedback to players all the time and holding them accountable for how they play as far as the stats are concerned is very important.

"I look at the athletes and give them as much feedback as I possibly can, and then statistically we tell them whether or not they are getting better or whether they still need to improve," Harasymowycz said.

During Harasymowycz's hiring process, coach Christy Johnson-Lynch was looking for a coach to bring in that passion for statistics and feedback giving the team a fresh perspective on performance.

Volleyball is a game of statistics, and with Harasymowycz on the ISU staff, they will become an intricate part of how practice is conducted. When the coaches



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go watch film and look at stats from practices and matches, they will be able to provide accurate feedback of what the player needs to do to better their game.

Harasymowycz believes in what Al Scates' philosophy is in the UCLA men's program and will try to incorporate his own understanding and style to the ISU squad, which has been adjusting to this new perspective since Harasymowycz first arrived in Ames.

Coming from men's volleyball, the transition to the women's game for Harasymowycz is not a very difficult one. With the men's game being more offensively strong and women's having stingier defense, this was an opportunity for Iowa State to incorporate new components of offensive play.

"The immediate impact and the biggest thing I think [to the team] is our back row attack. And then I think he is just going to be a great influence on our middle blockers," Johnson-Lynch said.

One of the things Harasymowycz said he is trying to do at Iowa State that is done at UCLA men's team is to give the attackers more options to make the offense more potent.

For defenses, this kind of attack from offenses would require a higher level of concentration because the attacks could come from anywhere, whether it be back row or in the middle.

For senior Jamie Straube,

having Harasymowycz join the team has been a great thing, and his positivity while coaching has been a great way to start off the season. His fresh perspective has also been healthy for the 2012 team to experience early on.

"He will explain things in a different way where maybe you learn it a little better," Straube said. "Just like any other subject — if you teach it in a different way, maybe people will learn it a little better. He just does a really good job of throwing in key words to think about when you are blocking or hitting."

Against Cincinnati, Florida State and Tennessee to begin the 2012 season, the Cyclones managed to earn 32 total blocks, indicating that the middle blockers and hitters are just beginning to blossom under a new approach to that aspect.

Harasymowycz said he feels the team has been responding well to his coaching style and his observations of coaching in both the men's and women's game, which has made for a smoother transition for UCLA to Iowa State.

"Christy has told me that the team is full of very nice people," Harasymowycz said. "So I think they've given me an opportunity just because they see I came from UCLA, or they believe in me based on the fact that they are nice people. So because they are so nice and so willing to be given feedback, it's allowed me to coach them."

With Harasymowycz style of coaching, added schemes and overall demeanor, the Cyclones will try to go someplace they haven't been before: the Final Four.

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Soccer

Cyclones play with competitive edge

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No. 16 Virginia Tech was only able to score one goal against Iowa State to solidify the first Cyclone loss of the season Sunday.

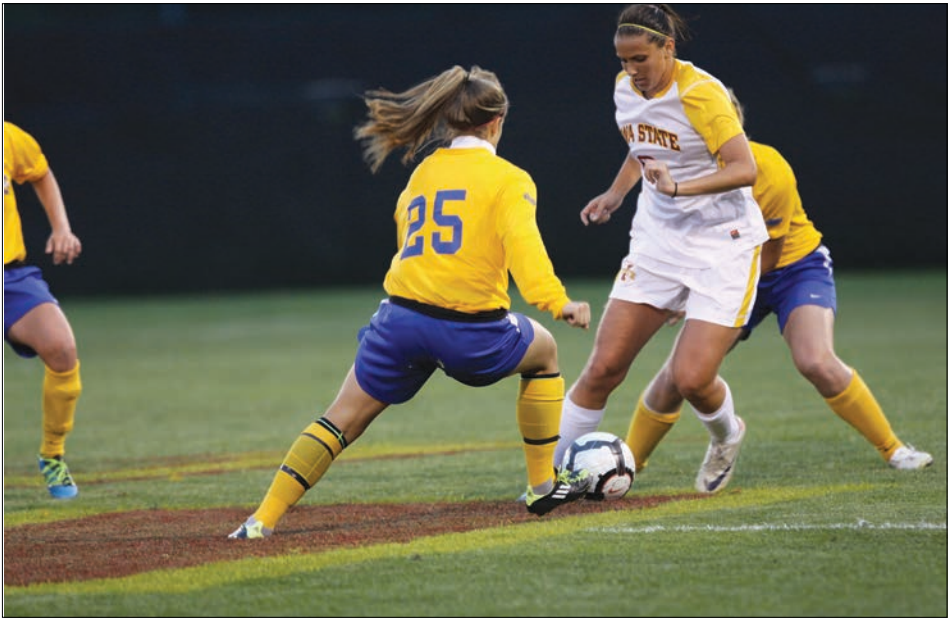
Iowa State (3-1) traveled to Lincoln, Neb., on Friday to battle against New Mexico and Virginia Tech in what ended as high expectations in maintaining good play when it competes in the Big 12 Conference.

With a late six-minute thriller goal from junior mid-field/defender Meredith Skitt, the Cyclones were able to win 1-0 against the two-time defending Mountain West Conference-champion Lobos.

Although the Cyclones came out on top of the match, coach Wendy Dillinger believes the girls did not play to the best of their ability and potential.

“We did not have a great showing Friday,” Dillinger said. “We sneaked out with a win, but it definitely was not our best performance.”

Junior forward Brittany Morgan agreed they did not play up to the standards of



Forward Brittany Morgan passes the ball during a game in 2011 against South Dakota State at ISU Soccer Complex.

File photo: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily

where they have worked to put themselves in prepping for competition.

“We didn’t have as tight of competition in our first couple games, which caused a bit of a slow start Friday,” Morgan said. “However, we are doing a good job at overcoming di-

versity of playing style on the team, and we can only move forward now.”

Dillinger knew the challenges that needed to be brought forth in Saturday’s practice in order to maintain the ability to have adequate dynamics to compete against

a top-rated team the following day.

Scoring nearly 26 minutes into the match, Shannon Mayrose was able to carry Virginia Tech to a 1-0 victory Sunday, handing the Cyclones their first loss of the 2012 season.

Being scoreless on the offensive side, the match became the first game since Oct. 9, 2011, that the Cyclones remained scoreless in a match.

Even with the fall to Virginia Tech, Dillinger believes there were several essential chances to beat the Hokies. “We had a game plan heading into Sunday, and we knew if they stretched us out, the game could get ugly,” Dillinger said. “However, we stuck with our plan, and the scored goal was a bit unfortunate due to some miscues.”

Morgan was pleased with the acknowledgment of knowing the team could compete evenly with top ranked teams like Virginia Tech.

“I think we came out Sunday, and we showed a lot of fire,” Morgan said. “We showed that we can hang with the top-20 in the country and just really how high our work rate is.”

Playing 90 minutes in both games this weekend, junior goalkeeper Maddie Jobe is excited about what the 2012 season will bring for the Cyclones.

“The Big 12 tournament is

always on my mind because I want to win that,” Jobe said. “I want to go to play at San Antonio and eventually go to the NCAA tournament. We have to do well in conference play and take it one game at a time. Every win counts.”

The Cyclones will next host in-state rival Iowa in the Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series this Friday at 7 p.m. The game will be played behind the Lied Recreation Athletic Center in Ames.

Did you know?

If junior forward Brittany Morgan were to play any other collegiate sport offered at Iowa State, she would chose to play for coach Paul Rhoads on the football team. Morgan likes the game of football because of the amount of chance for physical contact in the game.

“I would want to play football so you could hit people when you tackle them,” Morgan said. “I would definitely want to be on the defensive side of the game.”

Football

Defense enters 2012 season playing ‘smarter’

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After allowing 29.4 points and 427.5 total yards per game last season, ISU coach Paul Rhoads is unsure how his defense will look in games this season.

While there was uncertainty about where his defense is, Rhoads said with certainty on Monday, Aug. 27, at the news conference that the unit is im-

proved and, more importantly, smarter than it was a year ago.

“We’ve coached things a lot less as we’ve gone through this training camp than we have in the past,” Rhoads said.

Pressure on the opposing quarterback has been a main point of emphasis after struggling with it a year ago — the team only tallied 1.31 sacks per game, which ranked 107th among Football Bowl Subdivision teams.

“I thought a year ago that our pressure on the quarterback coming out of camp was going to be much improved,” Rhoads said. “As we got through the season, it wasn’t.”

Rhoads said the plan for the defensive line, which has been tabbed as the weakest unit on the defense in terms of talent, is to rotate 10–12 players during games to keep players fresh in hopes of maintaining pressure on the quarterback.

Also critical for the defensive line is maintaining its success in third-down stops.

Last season, the ISU defense allowed opponents to convert on third down 36 percent of the time — 37th best in the nation.

“It’s really substantial and significant,” said defensive end Roosevelt Maggitt of third-down stops.

“Getting off the field on third down, that’s one thing we

really strive for.”

Third-down stops are even more critical in the Big 12, which is laden with teams that pride themselves in running no-huddle spread offenses. These offenses give opposing defenses little, if any, time to make adjustments on the fly.

“You’ve got to be able to capitalize on unique situations such as turnovers and anything like that in getting third-down stops or forcing

field goals if you get in a bad situation down in the red zone if they turned it over,” said senior linebacker Jake Knott.

Knott said defending the run is not the problem for the team, but adjusting to run-heavy offenses in the span of a week after facing spread offenses can cause difficulty.

“Playing physical isn’t the problem,” said sophomore end David Irving. “We mainly stop ourselves.”

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The women's volleyball team, seen here at the Aug. 9 media day at Hilton Coliseum, is facing larger crowds than ever. The publicity, said coach Christy Lynch-Johnson, aids recruitment.

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"I'm sure some teams probably will [have a game plan]," Bigbee said. "But all I can do is work to keep developing my offense to keep them on the edge."

Team shows resiliency in two losses

In the third set against Florida State, the Cyclones fell behind quick. Iowa State was unable to fight back in the set, falling to the Seminoles 25-11.

Down 2-1 in the match, Johnson-Lynch said the team could have ceded.

"There were several moments over the weekend where we could have just given up, and I think a lesser team would have," Johnson-Lynch said. "That's part of why I was excited about the weekend — we just showed a lot of resilience."

Instead of letting Florida State roll to an easy match victory, Iowa State battled to a 27-25 win in the fourth set to force a fifth. The Cyclones would lose that match, but the battle showed what the team has to offer.

"We showed a lot of resiliency this weekend," said senior outside hitter, Rachael Hockaday. "It's easy to lay down, especially after that third game. [The turnaround]

Attendance record increases

When Johnson-Lynch arrived at Iowa State in 2005, the volleyball program had never averaged more than 857 fans per match. They didn't even sell season tickets.

Earlier this week, the volleyball program reached 923 season tickets sold for the 2012 season, a record surpassing last year's mark of 876. Single-match tickets are also a factor, and last season the team averaged 2,225 fans per home match.

Johnson-Lynch said fans have been a key factor of the success the team has seen in her tenure, which has included six trips to the NCAA tournament.

"They are a big part of why we are more successful now, because they have created a home-court advantage in Hilton," Johnson-Lynch said. "That didn't really exist when I first got here." And even the players have taken notice.

shows a lot about our team and that we're ready to fight.

"We're resilient, that's something you can't teach."

Later that Saturday, against another top-15 team in Tennessee, the Cyclones again fought to a fifth set. Iowa State would fall to a 1-2 start in its season, losing the fifth set 15-4.

"I'll talk to people and they'll say, 'I invited my friend and now they're getting season tickets,'" said senior middle blocker Jamie Straube. "So just to see how it's spread has been really cool."

Aside from winning matches, which the Cyclones often did at Hilton in 2011 — going 13-3 in front of the home crowd — fans have helped in recruiting.

This year's class of seven incoming freshmen was ranked No. 6 in the nation, and Johnson-Lynch said a big part of the draw to Iowa State was the atmosphere.

"It means when recruits walk in and they see a packed house they're going to want to come here and play in that atmosphere," Johnson-Lynch said. "It's huge for win-loss and home-court advantage, but it's huge for recruiting too."

"It really helps a recruit say yes to Iowa State."

But Johnson-Lynch was happy with the weekend nonetheless.

"You could literally see a point where we hit the wall and we had no jump, nothing left in us," Johnson-Lynch said of the match against Tennessee. "They continued to fight and do everything they could."

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First tastings of fall tailgating

By Caitlyn Diimig

AmesEats Flavors writer

Cyclone fans, the time has come. Sure, you can't be the starting quarterback for our beloved Cyclones (this is assuming you are not Steele Jantz reading this), but you can still be No. 1 in tailgating. Impress your friends by using our cocktail and three-course tailgating menu. The recipes that follow are mere suggestions; get creative and whip up your own creations.



Photo: Claire Powell/Iowa State Daily

Cy-berry cocktail

Kick off is set for 2:30 p.m., which means true fans will tailgate early. We've designed a refreshing juice cocktail perfect for break-fast time.

- 2 quarts cranberry juice cocktail
- 700 milliliters champagne or sparkling wine
- ½ - 1 cup currant-flavored vodka
- 16 ounces frozen strawberries

- Toss frozen strawberries in the bottom of a pitcher; they will act as ice to cool your cocktail.
- Pour in the cranberry juice cocktail, vodka and sparkling wine or champagne.
- Mix thoroughly and pour into SOLO cups or vessels of your choice.

Quick bites

Buy a cooking thermometer at your local grocery store and use it to check that foods are the right temperature. Hot foods kept below 140 F

and cold foods kept above 40 F grow bacteria that cause foodborne illnesses. Also, make sure all meat is thoroughly cooked before eating and use different serving utensils for each food (especially between meat and produce) to cut down on cross contamination.

—Steph Ferguson



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Parmesan sour cream chip dip

No tailgate is complete without a chip dip, but skip the cliché queso and salsa and try a subtly tangy dip instead.

- 2 cups light sour cream
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese

- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Tortilla chips or wheat crackers
- Ice

- Mix the first five ingredients together in a bowl.
- Serve dip with chips or crackers.
- Keep dip chilled, by placing bowl over ice or in a cooler.

Sweet cinnamon fruit skewers

For a healthy and non-messy dessert, cut up some fresh assorted fruits, and grill them over open flame.

- 2 oranges, cubed and peeled
- 2 mangoes, cubed and peeled
- 2 bananas, sliced
- 4 peaches, cubed
- 8 ounces Greek yogurt, honey flavored
- Wooden skewers, soaked in water
- Brown sugar, to taste
- Cinnamon, to taste
- Honey, to taste (optional)

- Soak skewers in water for 20 minutes so they don't catch



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- fire and you don't become THAT guy at the tailgate.
- Assemble fruit onto skewers, top with brown sugar and cinnamon.

- Grill skewers for 4 minutes or until browned.
- Feel free to add a little honey on top of skewers.
- Serve with Greek yogurt as

a dipping sauce, garnished with cinnamon.



Photo: Claire Powell/Iowa State Daily

Cheesy chorizo burger

This loose-meat version of the classic tailgate staple is updated with a mildly spicy, cheesy sauce. This dish should be prepared prior to setting up in the parking lot but can be reheated using a crock-pot.

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 6 hamburger buns
- 6 ounces fresh chorizo, casings removed, crumbled
- Olive oil, as needed
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 5 teaspoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cheap beer

- 1/4 cup chopped jalapeño
- 3/4 cup milk
- 4 ounces pepper jack cheese, finely diced (about 1 cup)
- 4 ounces mozzarella, finely diced (about 1 cup)
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro

- In one skillet, cook the ground beef over medium-high heat until brown.
- In a separate skillet, cook the chorizo over medium-high heat until golden (for about five minutes).
- Remove chorizo with a slotted spoon into a separate bowl and pour off any excess fat, reserving about 1 tablespoon in the pan. If there is less than 1 tablespoon, add enough olive oil to make 1 tablespoon.
- In any empty skillet, reduce the heat to medium and cook the onions, stirring occasionally for five minutes, until soft.

Stir in the garlic and cook for 30 seconds or until fragrant. Sprinkle in the flour, stirring until the flour is golden or about 1 minute.

4. Pour in any beer you have around and bring to a boil.

Stir in the chopped jalapeños and cook two minutes. Gradually whisk in the milk and bring to a gentle boil until thickened for about one minute.

5. Add the cheeses and reduce the heat to low.

Cook, stirring frequently, until the cheese fully melts for about three minutes.

6. Place the chorizo, cheese mixture and the cooked ground beef into a crockpot to keep warm while tailgating.

Ladle mixture on to hamburger buns and garnish with cilantro.

— Recipes by Steph Ferguson, AmesEats Flavors writer

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Entertainment

Soundsations rocks weddings

An inside view into the world of music DJing

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Weddings are beautiful things — filled with elegance, white dresses, flowers and of course the wedding party. Receptions are when the fun comes in. The key to a great, exciting and fun wedding reception, one that feels more like a celebration than an obligatory dinner following the wedding, is the music.

In the past, many brides and grooms have arranged for live bands to play the music for their reception. Today, with technology around every corner, brides and grooms arrange for DJs to provide music and entertainment for the wedding guests. An option for a fun wedding DJ in central Iowa is Soundsations DJ Services, located in Pella.

Craig Van Vark, owner and founder of Soundsations, offered some insight into how he has found success in a difficult field, his own experiences with weddings and how brides and grooms can find the right DJ for their receptions.

Van Vark, an ISU alumnus, created Soundsations in 1993 but had experience with radio and music for years before doing so. Van Vark worked at four radio stations over the course of eight years in a va-

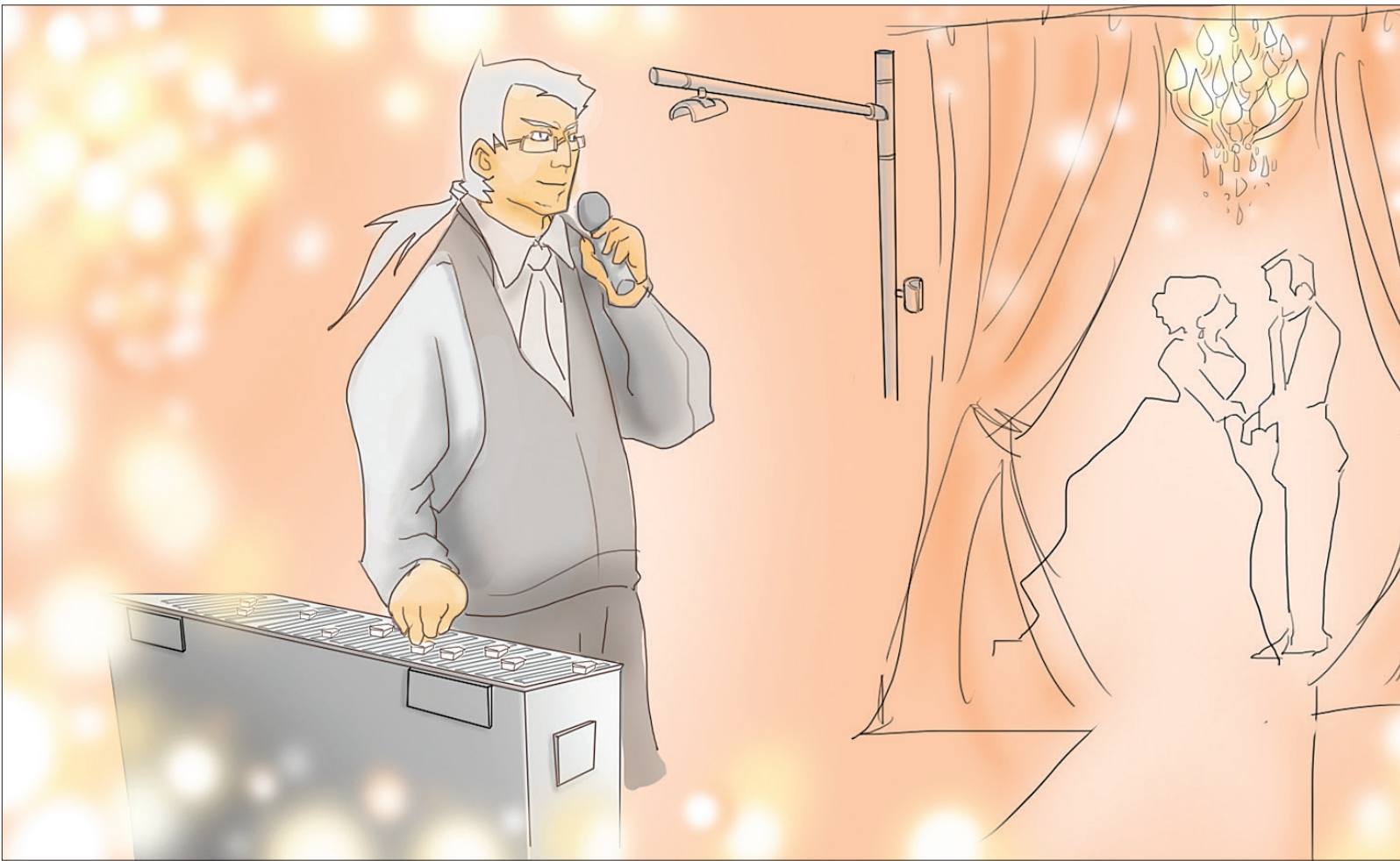


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DJs provide entertainment for a wide variety of audiences, from young children to elderly people, on a bride and grooms' special day — a responsibility that takes more talent than most people realize.

riety of positions, including marketing, working with the morning show producer and programming.

At his last radio station in Ottumwa, Van Vark ended up working a few DJ gigs on the side and discovered he en-

joyed it.

In 1993 while Van Vark was taking classes at Simpson College, he was given a project in one of his entrepreneurship courses that would change his life. The project required students to create a small busi-

ness in a field that they had experience in or in which they were interested. "It was a little more than just a theory on paper," Van Vark said. "We actually had to start a business."

And so Soundsations came to be. Almost 20 years later,

Soundsations has developed from a class project to a successful business, having provided music for more than 400 wedding receptions.

One thing that helps Soundsations be a success is Van Vark himself is the only

DJ. Van Vark said that many times brides and grooms will want the owner of the company. That is the person they have heard about and that has reached success. When

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Style

Wedding trends: Muted tones, darker colors fall down to Earth

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Not usually known as wedding season, fall weddings offer many options for gowns and décor.

Unlike summer weddings, full of bright colors and crisp looks, fall weddings tend to be full of variety.

Fall and summer brides may begin shopping for their dresses at the same time, but they definitely have two different looks in mind. Although summer weddings have always been popular, more brides are leaning toward fall looks for their weddings.

“September is actually the No. 1 month for weddings, followed by October and then June,” said Stacey Fox, owner of Stacey’s Bridal in Urbandale. Stacey’s is a full-service shop, home to more than 5,000 gowns, with sizes of 0–30 hanging in store.

As the summer sun fades, so does the desire for pure-white wedding dresses. Summer weddings tend to pull out all stops for a more glamorous look. “A lot of times fall brides are looking for a more down to earth, less glamorized and less glitzy look,” said Kayse Carter, co-owner of Pure Bridal in Ames.

Pure Bridal has about 50–70 dresses

in store and also offers tuxedo rental, accessories, bridesmaid and mother-of-the-bride dresses.

“The fall bride usually wears more of an ivory, champagne or light gold color,” Carter said.

Fall weddings tend to be full of natural colors. “Light gold is a new color for this fall and is in between the ivory and champagne palette,” Carter said.

Fall brides aren’t the only ones choosing to opt for ivory gowns, though.

“About 87 percent of all the gowns we sell are ivory,” Fox said. Although pure white gowns are no longer the norm for weddings, Fox said fall brides tend to go with more muted tones.

“The flowers that are available in the fall are naturally darker than those in the summer,” Fox said.

As many brides opt for more evening looks, colors like eggplant, dark blues and black have become popular choices for bridesmaid dresses.

“Fall colors like dark browns, pumpkin and dusty rose have always been in, but this fall dark blues are also very in,” Carter said.

Not only are darker colors on trend for this fall, but looks reminiscent of the ‘80s are also becoming ever popular.

“Women are starting to go for the looks

their mothers and aunts got married in — dresses with poofy shoulders and sleeves — they’re all coming back,” Fox said.

During fall wedding season, sleeves and straps also come into play. “Bolero jackets and straps are more popular during the fall than summer,” Carter said.

Stacey’s also helps brides customize their fall wedding dresses. “We have a seamstress that can add sleeves to many of our dresses,” Fox said.

Longer dresses are more common during fall months as well. “We see less of the super-tight and fitted dresses. The mermaid style is also not as popular for fall weddings,” Carter said.

Changes in fabric also take place for fall weddings. “It’s usually all about the volume and texture. Light fabrics like organza are voluminous, but still lightweight,” Carter said. Fabric like chiffon and satin remain popular as well.

Many companies are offering more color options in their most popular fabrics.

Although fall bridal season may give way toward muted, more natural and darker tones, Fox said a bride should always go with colors she wants.

“We always tell our brides it’s up to them,” Fox said. “If they want short, bright, yellow gowns for their fall bridesmaids, go ahead and do it.”

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they get another DJ, it can be disappointing.

Van Vark’s company may specialize in weddings but also provides entertainment for school dances and other various events. Van Vark said weddings are different from the others, especially school dances.

“There is definitely a difference [between weddings and school dances],” Van Vark said. “School dances are a little more cut and dried. It’s pretty much you go in, set up, know what your start time is, what your end time is.”

Van Vark related DJing for a school dance to a rock concert: “Those guys go out there, and they play their same set each time. DJing for school dances for me is a lot like that.”

Weddings are different than these events because as a DJ, you may know your start time, but you never know how late the dance will go, Van Vark said.

In addition to this fact, the crowds for weddings vary quite a bit.

Sometimes the guests are partiers and want to stay out late to celebrate. Other times, guests will go home after a few songs, and no one will be left at the reception.

As a small business, many may not think of the marketing philosophy a DJ service will have to develop in order to gain customers. Van Vark related his marketing philosophy to that of Casey’s General Store years ago.

“I went into all the small towns and pretty much ignored the bigger metropolitan areas,” Van Vark said. “I basically just market myself to smaller towns particularly in southeast Iowa. I’ve definitely noticed a difference between crowds in metropolitan areas and in small towns.”

Soundsations DJ Service provides more than the basic entertainment and music library, which includes more than 6,000 songs from all genres including oldies, country, rock and R&B.

In a basic wedding package, brides and grooms can expect to have a reception every guest will remember. Services provided include special effects for spotlight dances, a bouquet and garter toss, dollar dance, introduction of the wedding party, announcements of events, the use of a wireless microphone and a computerized and LED lighting system.

For Van Vark, it is a given that these services should be included in the wedding package.

“[The bouquet and garter toss and dollar dance] are usually the events you have the most fun with. Some other DJs stick it in as an after thought; I view it as a big presentational item,” Van Vark explained. “As traditional items, I believe it should stick out. I think these traditions cut across generations, young and old. Everybody likes to participate in these events.”

These traditions aren’t

the only thing that Van Vark makes sure to do at receptions to get every guest involved.

“My favorite thing [about DJing weddings], aside from just going out and doing it every Saturday night, is just getting everybody involved,” Van Vark said.

“It’s kind of fun. I don’t do a lot of games at weddings like other DJs might do. I like to do more things that will get everybody involved. It’s really fun to see everybody, from a 16-year-old high school kid to a 65-year-old grandma doing the ‘Cha Cha Slide.’ I like to see everybody from 40 to 50 years difference do the same thing and all have fun.”

After providing music and entertainment for more than 400 receptions, experience is not something Van Vark and Soundsations DJ Service lack. In the span of nearly 20 years, Van Vark said he has noticed changes from weddings in general, as well as changes from wedding to wedding.

One general change Van Vark has found is today the couples seem to be older than they were years ago. Couples are more often in their late 20s and 30s as opposed to just fresh out of college.

Also during his time providing entertainment at weddings, Van Vark said he has seen a few out of the ordinary things.

A few memories stuck out in Van Vark’s mind, including a story about how the groomsman serenaded the groom and proceeded to throw in him the pool at the country club where the reception was.

Another entertaining moment for Van Vark came from a family tradition between the bride and her father. This tradition entailed the bride and her father getting on top of the table and dancing to “Tequila” while drinking tequila.

For Van Vark, it has been interesting to see the differ-

ences between each wedding and how each bride and groom can make a wedding their own. Traditions like the garter and bouquet toss and the dollar dance may span over many weddings, but personalizing each wedding can make the bride and groom’s very special day unique.

Van Vark also offered his 2 cents on how to be a successful DJ, particularly at wedding receptions, as well as how a bride and groom can find the right DJ to make their special day special.

Van Vark said he believes the key to being a successful wedding DJ is knowing the audience.

“That goes back even to my radio programming career. Know your audience — who you’re trying to reach.”

Van Vark brought up the fact that many aspiring DJs get into the business for the wrong reasons. “When I first started out, I bought my equipment from a guy who sold stuff from Ames,” Van Vark said. “He told me that roughly 50 percent of the guys that bought equipment from him were back within a year asking him to buy the equipment back.”

By knowing his audience, Van Vark has been able to provide music for every guest at the reception. “I get brides and grooms that say: ‘Can we pick out the music for you?’ because they want to have songs they like. I tell them if they want a DJ to do that, then I’m not the right person for you.”

Van Vark said that brides and grooms need to remember that even though they are paying for the service, there are anywhere from 100 to up to 300 people besides them who need entertainment.

When a bride or groom is looking for a DJ, the most important thing is finding someone who will relate to and understand the crowd. With a variety of people at the event,

a variety of music must be played in order to please everyone as much as possible.

The bottom line, Van Vark said, is that when a bride is trying to book a DJ for her reception, there are a lot of factors she takes into account. “One of the big ones is price. They won’t be wowed by a really awesome sound system. Most brides are looking for somebody who is experienced and gets the crowd involved, and somebody who is affordable.”

Van Vark said another reason he has seen success as a DJ is because he has kept it simple. He also said he is truly mobile, with a setup time of only 45 minutes, and he keeps his prices affordable, while still providing quality entertainment.


While continuing to keep his services simple, he also keeps it modern. By keeping up-to-date with technology such as computerized and LED lighting, he is able to stand out from other DJ services.

“I’ve always tried to stay current and modern. LED lighting is one of the unique things I do. I always try to do special effects for spotlight dances like smoke effects [when possible].”

When brides and grooms plan weddings, they might immediately start to plan the wedding itself — the church, the dress and all the flowers — but it’s important to remember the celebration.

The reception is a time for the wedding party to celebrate with the guests, and it is just as important as the wedding ceremony itself. For a night to remember, find a DJ that can provide more than just music, but entertainment and memories that will last a lifetime.

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Across

1 Folder projections
5 Come-on comeuppance
9 Enterprise doctor
14 First name at Woodstock
15 Freezer cooler
16 Popped up
17 Market pessimist
18 Like Death Valley
19 All-night bar?
20 Quip, part 1
23 Bourbon barrel wood
24 Zamboni milieu
25 Thumbs-up
26 2010 Olympic skiing gold medalist Miller
28 Highly skilled
30 Coppertone letters
33 Dictation whiz
35 With precision
36 Missing in the mil.
37 Quip, part 2
40 Aesthetic to a fault
41 Milking container
42 Dadaism pioneer Max

43 Cooking choice
44 Wonderland tea party attendee
45 Environmental concern
46 Crew member
47 See 45-Down
48 VCR format
51 End of the quip
56 Yard neatener
57 Stoltz of "Pulp Fiction"
58 French 101 verb
59 Flip over
60 Longing look
61 See after
62 Plaster painting surface
63 Violin virtuoso Leopold
64 Belligerent god

Down

1 Major no-no
2 Field of play
3 Aikido masters
4 Mad
5 Like hen's teeth
6 "Foreign Affairs" Pulitzer author Alison

7 Slightly
8 Mani-... : spa service
9 She played Lois in "Superman" films
10 Curved piece
11 Masked scavenger
12 Greek peak
13 Still
21 Golfer's nonplaying wife
22 Three-nation '90s treaty
27 "I'm ___ human"
28 Motherless calf
29 ___ of Gloucester: "King Lear" character
30 Fiscally conservative Democrat
31 "Iron Chef" supplies
32 Pass (by) quickly, as time
33 Booty
34 Ancient home of Irish kings
35 Unseen "Fiddler on the Roof" tyrant
36 Picked locks?
38 Separated
39 Lyons lady
44 Bob or beehive
45 With
47 -Across, modern-day chauffeur
46 "Catch This!" autobiographer Terrell
47 Early American crop
49 "Stormy Weather" singer
50 RR postings
51 "Dream on!"
52 Carries a mortgage, say
53 Video game giant
54 Herr's better half
55 Old 48-Across rival
56 Coffee holder

Tuesday's solution

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Sudoku

by the Mephram Group

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LEVEL: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

Tuesday's Solution

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6	1	2	7	4	5	3	8	9
7	4	5	9	8	3	6	1	2
3	2	4	6	5	8	9	7	1
8	5	7	4	1	9	2	6	3
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Horoscope

by Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday

(08/29/12)

Embrace priorities and release unnecessary fluff. This year's potentially brilliant for your career. Creativity, expression and communications shine, and your circles open new doors. Relationships get particularly interesting after autumn. Love's the new currency: spread it around. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries

(March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7-- There's plenty of work to be done, and it's the lucrative kind. But there are also plenty of distractions. Add a dash of fun and spice to keep it interesting.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7-- Feed on other people's ideas, and add your personal brilliance. Others look to you for advice; see how you can make it work for you, financially.

Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

Today is a 7-- Go for it. There's really nothing stopping you, even if it seems so. You may fail, but you won't know if you don't try. Restore your power through yoga.

Cancer

(June 21-July 22)

Today is a 5-- Reinvention is called for: Your intuition and creativity come to the rescue. Co-workers get inspired and join the project. At the end, you're all stronger.

Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7-- Do the necessary research, and find the very best deal so you don't spend the money that you'll need later. Don't overthink it, though. Trust your instinct. Add respect.

Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7-- Make an educated decision. They're saying nice things about you at work. Ask for more (and get it). Friends help you get the word out. There's fun going on, and you're in the thick of it.

Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is an 8-- Take on a leadership role. With your excitement, everything seems easier now. Close the door for more privacy. Discard junk and gain creativity.

Scorpio

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is an 8-- Improve your home with a touch of love. Listen for miracles. Don't force

the issue, though. Your fame precedes you. Walk the walk.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7-- Dedicate some time to write, as you're very persuasive now. A walk outdoors helps clear up your ideas. Play the game, listen to your intuition and score.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 6-- It's worth the extra effort to put your ideas in action. You're getting more and more curious. Revamp your wardrobe. All it takes is a little juggling.

Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an 8-- Work from home, and use money to make money. Your friends cover for you, but you have to ask them. A happy secret gets revealed. Provide information.

Pisces

(Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 5-- Your genius and efforts are appreciated. Grasp the new opportunities coming your way. Don't be afraid to assume authority. A familiar routine is comforting.

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